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## **Governor Carcieri Recognizes Completion of First-in-the-Nation Ocean Special Area Management Plan**

### ***SAMP to drive location of offshore wind projects in the region***

Governor Donald L. Carcieri will join US Senator Jack Reed, Senate President M. Theresa Paiva-Weed, URI Graduate School of Oceanography Dean David Farmer, CRMC Chairman Michael Tikoian and RI Economic Development Corporation Director Keith Stokes at a **press conference at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon** to celebrate the completion and adoption of the first-in-the-nation Ocean Special Area Management Plan (SAMP).

Using the best available science and working with well-informed and committed resource users, researchers, environmental and civic organizations, and local, state and federal government agencies, the SAMP provides a comprehensive understanding of the complex and rich ecosystem of the state's offshore resources. The SAMP lays out enforceable policies and recommendations to guide CRMC in promoting a balanced and comprehensive ecosystem-based management approach for the development and protection of Rhode Island's ocean-based resources within the Ocean SAMP study area. The Ocean SAMP will also dictate the location of the state's offshore wind projects.

**What:** Governor Carcieri, US Senator Jack Reed, Senate President Paiva-Weed, Dean David Farmer, RI-EDC Director Keith Stokes, CRMC Chairman Michael Tikoian, and SAMP partners to celebrate the completion and adoption of the SAMP, and to recognize the those who worked on the project.

**When:** 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 21, 2010

**Where:** Ocean Science & Exploration Center (Challenger Room)  
URI Graduate School of Oceanography  
15 Pier Road, Narragansett

**Directions: From Providence and points North**

Take I-95 South to Exit 9 (Rt. 4 South). Continue to Rt. 1 and the junction of Rt. 138W. Take a left at the tower onto Bridgetown Rd. Continue to South Ferry Rd. Continue past South Ferry Industrial Park on the right and South Ferry Church on the left. Entrance to campus is on the right.

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